

## MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

December 21, 2018, Lee, Ma, 7:00pm

The meeting was opened and chaired by the outgoing DCM Tom L. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, he introduced himself, Tim the new DCM, Mike area delegate, and secretary Pete C. Outgoing LCM Mark sent apologies for absence and sent word that he has enjoyed the opportunity of serving as the district LCM.

The statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual was read by the DCM followed by the reading of the tradition and concept eleven for the month of November.

When asked if everyone received the minutes from last month, no one indicated they had not.

Jessica was introduced as the new Alt GSR for Ray of Hope meeting.

### Introductions, reports and experience as GSR

Bob P. - I Don't Have a Clue; A lot in the group is transient that come and go, most interested in attending today. Being GSR is fantastic, looking forward to doing more service to grow. Enjoyed the assembly.

Joan P. - Southern Berkshire; All slots filled for NYE Alkathon at the Senior Center in Great Barrington. 90% covered by the group members. District meeting is important for AA's as a whole. Getting more people into service.

Kale B. - GSR Great Barrington Men's; Meeting going through changes, Last night agreed not to have business meetings for the next year, good to getting people involved, the model set is good attraction rather than promotion.

Lisa L. - Ray of Hope; Had elections in November, all positions filled except GSR, have alternate but no GSR, I will be rolling out but will attend, looking into sending Grapevines into institutions, continue to contribute as per pie chart, encourage more participation think grabbing new commers to take service positions early on - get them while they are hot.

Rick T. - Berkshire Big Book; since moving the attendance is down but is strong group, discovered the old address is still listed and hasn't been updated, Being GSR has been enjoyable taking information back to the group, numbers still down apart from address not updated yet it is a good strong group.

Jeff R. - Keep it simple; 30/35 down from around 50/60, all positions filled, have had approximately 6 to 7 anniversaries recently between 11 to 47 years, there has been a slight problem with one-person cross talking however someone is going to speak to them, good finances, new to the position and enjoy the opportunity.

Jenn B. - New Way of Life; Moved and attendance has gone up as it was hoped, business meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat and attendance fluctuates, group getting on, enjoy being GSR, will check on meeting address.

Shenna C. - Berkshire Group; Service positions filled, small group with core members, have a hospital commitment, contributions down a little possibly because of winter, contribute to pie chart, reserve seems high and seeking thoughts what to do, some old timers don't like to make changes from group conscious, Crane Center has sober at sunrise with some concern about AA and outside enterprise material combined, GSR experience has been good.

At this point there was a discussion regarding group finances regarding the reserve, the general trend was each group is autonomous however AA thinking is mostly to be poor. Possibly hold a group inventory. There is a pamphlet on the group treasure and information on the website that can be of assistance.

Martha B. - Thursday Women's Group; Getting stronger every week, group putting together a packet to give to newcomers, many people that are new are returning, contribute as per pie chart, elections

coming up in January, getting more participation at business meeting, enjoy being GSR however work weekends so cannot attend conventions.

#### Apologies for Absence

Glenn B. – Lenox Big Book; Unable to attend, all is well, the meeting was packed last night, contributing to pie chart and keeping their commitment, doing 8am slot at alkathon

As reported above, LCM - Mark B. was unable to attend, is rotating our and has enjoyed the position the past two years.

#### AREA DELEGATE REPORT

Mike S. Thanks to all the people rolling out of positions for their time and service and tanks to the incoming people. In the coming months there will be a PowerPoint presentation detailing the position of the GSR. This is an excellent chance to understand further the importance and role of the position. NERAASA is to be held Feb 22-24, 2019 in Hunt Valley, Maryland (area 29). This is an opportunity for GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers, Area Committee Members, District Committee Members, Intergroup officers, and any AA member interested in the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns. There will be a 15-seater van going down. To reserve a place (first come first serve) contact Area Chair through the website [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org) . If there is enough interest a second van may be organized. Hope all will attend, and please encourage everyone in your group. This is not just for GSR's, it is for everyone.

On January 29 there will be a Mass State Convention Planning Committee meeting 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham at 730pm. All are welcome, this is an excellent opportunity to participate and see from the ground up how the convention comes together. Those wishing to car pool there is a group meeting off exit 6 on the Mass Pike at the bowling alley at 6pm.

The Area holds a concept meeting the first Thursday of every month at Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke. This is a link to the district intergroup office. There is a possibility of making this a phone conference with the intergroup due to the distances. Again, all are welcome to participate and this is another way not only to observe how service positions operate, but an excellent way to get involved.

The area 31 class B resume is in.

Any group interested in the topic "How do you promote service at groups" can request delegates to come to your meeting and share their experience.

#### Berkshire Intergroup

Mike M. Intergroup Chair reported the lase meeting was well attended. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at the Intergroup office, 152 North Street, Suite 30C Pittsfield at 7pm. Please feel free to attend. There is a new co-chair, William L. attending. There is good energy and the intergroup is doing well. Pat B. the office manager and treasure doing a good job. Coming is a new app for Where and When. There will be Christmas and New Year alkathons at the United Methodist Church, 55 Fenn St., Pittsfield. Further information for the alkathons and any related intergroup (or AA in general) news can be found on the website [www.berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:www.berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com)

#### DCM Report

Tom L. wished to thank everyone and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as DCM and the growth opportunity he has received in this position. He thanked all the GSR's for their participation and service this past year. He welcomed the new Co-DCM Joan P. and new LCM Jenn B. as well as Tim M. as DCM. He felt it has been a good year and our district is strong and the upcoming year should be even better.

There being no other business there was a motion to close and the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility pledge at approximately 8pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.